

FIG.1

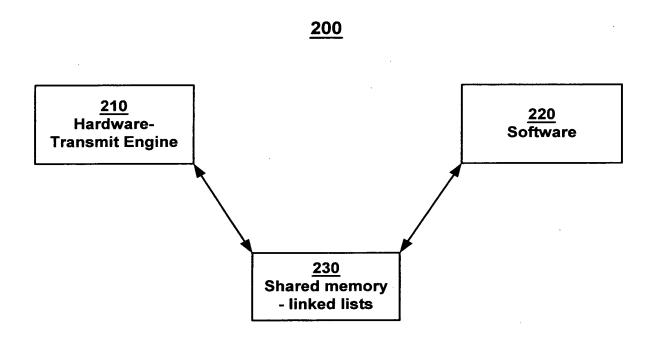


FIG. 2

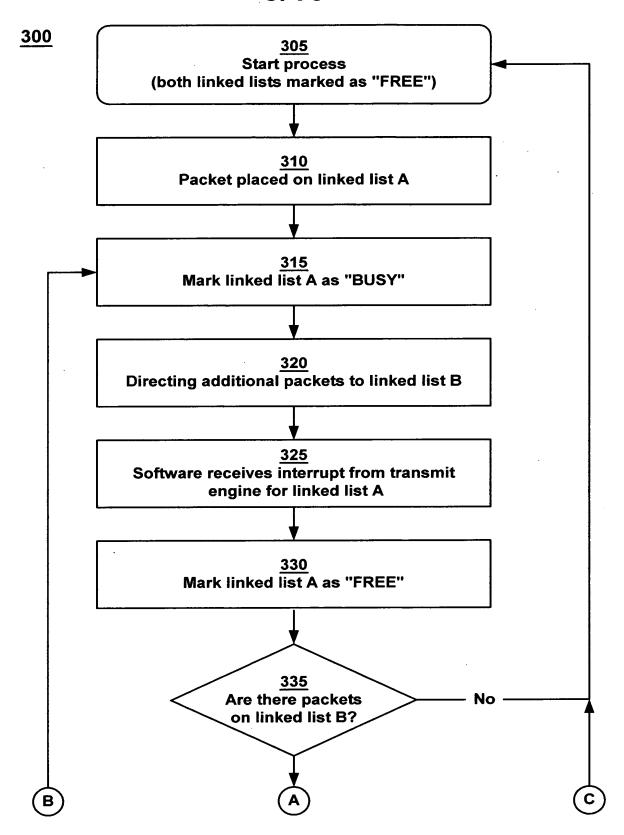


FIG. 3A

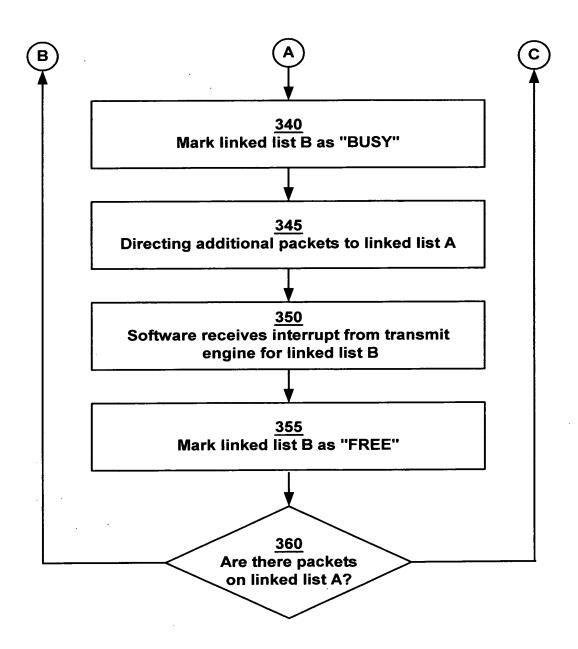


FIG. 3B

## **INITIAL CONDITION**

### SOFTWARE LISTS TRANSMIT ENGINE

LIST A FREE

FREE

LIST B FREE

## **AS FLOW CONTINUES**

### **SOFTWARE SENDS ONE PACKET**

LIST A BUSY

FREE

PROGRAM ADDRESS OF LIST A
LIST B FREE

**BUSY WITH LIST A** 

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# TRANSMIT ENGINE WORKING ON LIST A, SOFTWARE WANTS TO SEND MORE PACKETS

# SOFTWARE LISTS LIST A BUSY BUSY WITH LIST A SOFTWARE PUTS ALL PACKETS IN LIST B LIST B FREE FREE TRANSMIT ENGINE BUSY WITH LIST A BUSY WITH LIST A

**BUSY WITH LIST A** 

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### HARDWARE ISSUES INTERRUPT FOR BUSY LIST

### **SOFTWARE LISTS**

TRANSMIT ENGINE

LIST A BUSY

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**INTERRUPT FOR LIST A** 

SOFTWARE MARKS LIST A AS FREE AND LIST B AS BUSY.

TRANSMIT ENGINE BUSY WITH LIST B

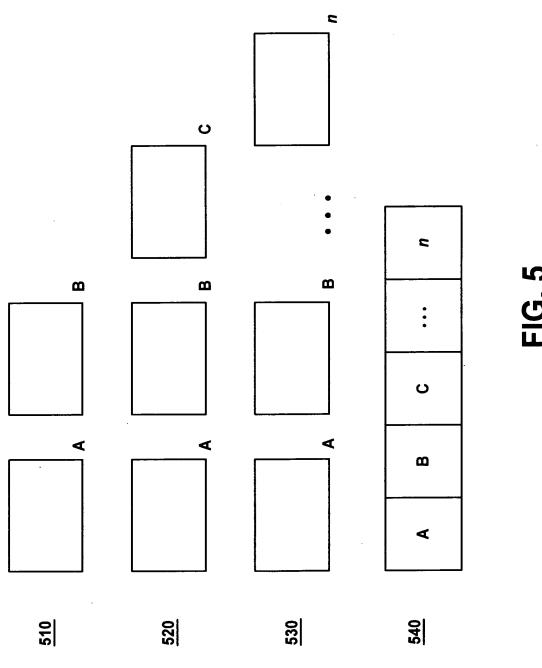
SOFTWARE PROGRAMS ADDRESS OF LIST B TO TRANSMIT ENGINE.

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# HARDWARE WORKING ON LIST B and SOFTWARE WANTS TO SEND MORE PACKETS

# SOFTWARE LISTS LIST A FREE WORKING ON LIST B LIST B BUSY WORKING ON LIST B

FIG. 4E



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